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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *

AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NES Wise Avenue, 170 ft. SE *

of c/l Merritt Boulevard

1709 Poplar Place

12th Election District

7th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: William Wortman

Lessee: Craig F. Miceli

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE No. 97-25-SPHX

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception for the property located at 1709 Poplar Place in the Dundalk section of Baltimore County. The Petition is filed by William W. Wortman, property owner, and Craig F. Miceli, Lessee. Special Hearing relief is requested to amend the previously approved plan in case No. 4595-X. Special Exception relief is requested to allow the relocation and continued use of an existing and established pawn shop from 75 Shipping Place, Dundalk, to 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case were William Wortman and Craig Miceli, Petitioners. Also present was Kevin Wight and Donald E. Hicks both from Hicks Engineering Co., Inc., the firm which prepared the site plan. The Petitioner was represented by Neil Lanzi, Esquire. Norman J. Glick on behalf of Rose Shanis Financial Services, appeared in opposition.

Testimony presented by Mr. Wight on behalf of the Petitioner was that the subject property is in an irregularly shaped lot, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Wise Avenue and Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk. The property is improved with an existing small strip shopping center which has been on the site for many years. The property is zoned

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B.M.-C.T. A number of businesses occupy the strip shopping center. Among the businesses present is the Poplar Inn, a restaurant which has been at this location for many years, a dry-cleaner, a hardware store, a barber shop, an optical store, a hair salon, a craft store and a Rose Shanis Financial Service office. Previously, the business located in the middle of the shopping center at 1709 Poplar Place was a stereo store. However, that store has vacated the premises and the space has been leased to Mr. Miceli. Mr. Miceli proposes operating the pawn shop at the location, subject to zoning approval.

The subject space contains 4,248 sq. ft. in area. The first floor, which will be used for the retail pawn operation, is 2520 sq. ft. in size and the second floor contains 1728 sq. ft. The second story will contain an office area.

The Petitioner requests special exception approval to locate a pawn shop at the subject location, pursuant to Section 436 of the BCZR. Moreover, special hearing relief is requested to amend the site plan previously approved for this property in case No. 4595-X. Section 436 of the BCZR was recently comprehensively amended by the enactment of Bill No. 12-95 by the Baltimore County Council. That Bill presented a sweeping alteration to the BCZR as it related to the regulation of pawn shops. Among the items contained within that Bill was a requirement that the Director of Permits and Development Management not accept any Petition for Special Exception for any pawn shop if there were 12 valid dealers licenses existing in the County used to operate pawn shops. In this regard, the Petitioner noted that he purchased a pawn shop license from Harry J. Ohle. Mr. Ohle was validly operating a pawn shop at 75 Shipping Place in Dundalk. Mr. Miceli has acquired the license (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 5) with the intent of relocating the shop to the present location.

In support of the Petition, Mr. Wight testified extensively regarding the standards contained in Section 502.1 of the BCZR. He opined that there will be no detriment to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale if the special exception was granted. He testified that there would be no significant increase in traffic, no environmental impact and no undue stress on public utilities and infrastructure if the relief was granted.

Mr. Wight also testified that there were no other pawn shops located within a one mile radius of the proposed location. In addition, photographs of the subject site show that the locale is commercial in area and that the proposed use is consistent with the uses in the immediate neighborhood.

Mr. Miceli also testified about his business background and plans for the location. He has operated a billiard hall in the Dundalk area for approximately 17 years and an amusement company for 4 years. He produced a number of letters from members of the business community who testified that these businesses are operated professionally and that he has been a good business neighbor. He indicated during testimony that he would run an upscale pawn operation and would fully comply with all licensing and other requirements. He also indicated that he would not accept any items for pawn from minors and would not deal in firearms from the location. He proposes to operate a professionally run operation and believes that the business will be an asset to the community.

Mr. Wortman, the owner of the shopping center property, also testified. He is in support of the Petition and indicated that Mr. Miceli has signed a long term lease for the property. He believes that the individual shop will be significantly upgraded and that the use is appropriate for the locale.

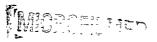
Testifying in opposition to the request was Norman J. Glick. Mr. Glick is a member of the family which operates the Rose Shanis Financial Services

Company. That company is a well known business in the Baltimore area and contains 12 locations in the Baltimore-Metropolitan area. He testified that he has been in business at this location since 1974. Mr. Glick did not opine precisely that the proposed use would be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare. Rather, he expressed certain concerns over the change of the character of the businesses in the shopping center and also fears competition from the pawn shop operation.

The grant of special hearing and special exception relief is governed by Section 502.1 of the BCZR. That section lists a series of standards which the Petitioner must satisfy in order for relief to be granted. The standards listed therein related to such items as environmental impact, consistency with the zoning classification and whether the use will be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale. The regulations do not take into account the economic competition. It is not for the zoning authorities of Baltimore County to protect or promote the economic interests of any company. Rather, consideration of the relief requested must be in accordance with whether the use would cause negative impact on the surrounding locale.

In considering the instant request in accordance with those standards, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has met his burden of proof. In my judgment, the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale. Thus, the proposed relief will be granted. It is also to be noted that the use must be conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Bill No. 12-95, as now codified in Section 436 of the BCZR.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception should be granted.



THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 2 day of August, 1996 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval to amend the plan previously approved in case No. 4595-X, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Exception, approval to allow the relocation and continued use of an existing and established pawn shop from 75 Shipping Place to 1709 Poplar Place in Dundalk, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

August 21, 1996

J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire 300 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception Property: 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Md. Case No. 97-25-SPHX

Dear Mr. Lanzi:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception have been granted.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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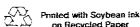
att.

c: Mr. Craig F. Miceli, 8919 Lennings Lane, Balto. Md. 21237

c: Mr. William W. Wortman, 3018 Dunglow Road, Dundalk, Md. 21222

c: Mr. Norman j. Glick, Rose Shanis Financial Services, 1710 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Md. 21222

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Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, MD

97-25-SPHX

which is presently zoned

BM-CT

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

Amendment of the previously-approved Plan in Case No. 4595-X.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

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which is presently zoned BM-CT

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The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to continue and continued use of an existing and established pawn shop from 75 Shipping Place, Dundalk, MD to 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, MD.

See attached.

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PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 97-25 -SPHX

Petitioner, Craig F. Miceli, Lessee of the property known as 1709 Poplar Place in Baltimore County, Maryland, respectfully requests a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the property for a Pawn Shop within the existing shopping center and states the following reasons in support:

- 1. Petitioner's property is presently zoned BM-CT and has existed since the 1950's.
- 2. Petitioner's existing Pawn Shop is located at 75 Shipping Place in the Dundalk Village Shopping Center, which pawn shop was existing prior to the enactment of Bill No. 112-95.
- 3. Bill No. 112-95 allows the relocation of a Pawn Shop in Baltimore County, subject to Special Exception approval.
- 4. The proposed Pawn Shop relocation will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community.
- 5. For these reasons and additional reasons to be provided at the Hearing.

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SPECIAL HEARING ZONING DESCRIPTION

POPLAR PLACE (ELECTION DISTRICT 12C7)

97-25-5PHX

BEGINNING at a point on the Northeast side of Wise Avenue which is approximately 100 feet wide, at the distance of 170 feet, more or less, Southeast of the centerline of Merritt Boulevard which is 140 feet wide. Thence the following nine courses and distances relating to an unknown meridian:

- 1) North 27°18' East, 77.38 feet,
- 2) South 63°34'40" East, 53.29 feet.
- 3) South 63°14'50" East, 49.74 feet,
- 4) South 27°18' West, 96.68 feet,
- 5) South 52°47' East, 20.30 feet.
- 6) North 27°18' East, 175.02 feet,
- 7) South 72°54' East, 98.25 feet,
- 8) North 12°45' East, 219.21 feet,
- 9) South 81°55' West, 89.67 feet to a point on the South side of Trappe Road, 50' wide, thence the following six courses and distances as shown on Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Plat No. 53-200-B:
- 10) By a curve to the right having a radius of 195 feet for an arc distance of 113.68 feet (the chord bearing South 89°58'27" West 112.08 feet),
- 11) By a curve to the left having a radius of 58.63 feet for an arc distance of 83.75 feet (the chord bearing South 65°45'11" West, 76.81 feet),
 - 12) South 24°49'51" West, 138.97 feet,
- 13) By a curve to the left having a radius of 90 feet for an arc distance of 61.19 feet (the chord bearing South 05°21'07" West, 60.02 feet),
- 14) By a curve continuing to the left with a radius of 90 feet for an arc distance of 74.44 feet (the chord bearing South 37°49'22" West, 72.34 feet),

15) South 61°31'09" East, 14.93 feet to the place of beginning

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SPECIAL HEARING ZONING DESCRIPTION

POPLAR PLACE (ELECTION DISTRICT 12C7)

(Cont.)

97-25-SPHX

CONSISTING of all or part of several parcels as described in the following deeds:

Liber 7067, Folio 348

Liber 5121, Folio 418

Liber 5071, Foilo 161

Liber 2058, Folio 38

Liber 1857, Folio 364

CONTAINING 1.7 acres of land more or less and being known as the Poplar Place Shopping Center.

HICKS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. 200 E. Joppa Road, Suite 402 Towson, MD 21286

SPECIAL EXCEPTION ZONING DESCRIPTION 1709 POPLAR PLACE

#77 97-25 SPAX

(ELECTION DISTRICT 12C7)

BEGINNING at a point 165 feet more or less northeast of the centerline of Wise Avenue which is approximately 100 feet wide and also at a distance of 160 feet, more or less southeast of the centerline of Merritt Boulevard which is 140 feet wide, said point being the southwest corner of 1709 Poplar Place which is a unit attached to and a part of the Poplar Place Shopping Center thence, the following courses and distances around the said unit:

- 1) North 27°18' East, 31 feet
- 2) SOuth 62°42' East, 93 feet
- 3) South 27°18' West, 31 feet
- 4) North 62°42' West, 93 feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 0.07 acres of land, more or less.

BEING a part of the property described in a deed dated December 27, 1951 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 2058, Folio 38. Also known as 1709 Poplar Place.

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7th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s):
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zonlug Commissioner for Ballimore County
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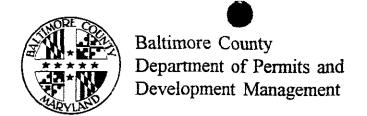
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR		
For newspaper advertising:		
Item No.: 27 Petitioner: Craig Miceli		
Location: 1709 Poplar Place		
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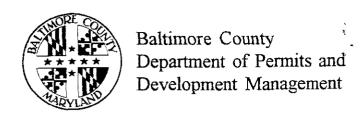
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LAWRENCE E. SCHNIDT
ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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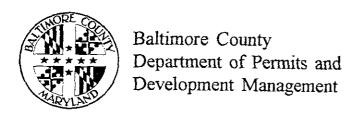
cc: William W. Wortman

Craig F. Miceli J. Neil Lanzi, Esq.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

August 19, 1996

J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire 300 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 27

Case No.: 97-25-SPHX

Petitioner: William W. Wortman

Dear Mr. Lanzi:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on July 18, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

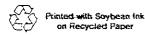
Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/re
Attachment(s)







BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

DIRECTOR

BUILDINGS ENGINEER



David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

8-5-96
Baltimore County (MJK) RE:

item No.

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced plan and we have no objection to approval as the development does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-545-5581 if you have any Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

MDG

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

Permits and Development Review

DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: (1)

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500 Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 08/07/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 05. 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

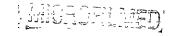
8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:26,27,28,29,30,31,32,34,35,36,37,38,39 AND 41.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: August 9, 1996

Department of Permits & Development

Management

Robert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for August 12, 1996 Item Nos. 026, 027, 028, 031, 032, 034, 035, 036, 037, 040, 041, and

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The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon,	Director, PDM	DATE:	August	12,	1996
FROM: Arnold F. "Pa	at" Keller, III, Director, OP				
SUBJECT: 1709 Popla	ar Place				
INFORMATION:					
Item Number:	27				
Petitioner:	Craig F. Miceli				
Property Size:					
Zoning:	BM-CT				
Requested Action:					
Hearing Date:	8/20/96		·		
SUMMARY OF RECOMMEN	DATIONS:				
the Baltimore Count	ion should not extend past 9:00 p.m y Zoning Recommendations, no tempor re or in the window.				
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Division Chief:	Can C. Kerns				

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 20, 1997

TO: Detective Kropfelder

Baltimore County Police

Burglary/Pawn Unit

FROM: John L. Lewis

Planner II

Zoning Review, PDM

RE: Pawn Shop

1709 Poplar Place 12th Election District

Mr. Neil Lanzi, the attorney for the owner of 1709 Poplar Place, requested that this office provide you with a statement of zoning compliance for the pawn shop use proposed for the above location.

A review of the zoning case file records and a discussion with Mr. Larry Schmidt (Zoning Commissioner) indicates that a special hearing and special exception for this use was approved by the zoning commissioner on August 26, 1996 under zoning case #97-25-SPHX. There was no appeal of this decision. Therefore, the zoning staff must acknowledge that the zoning commissioner's order clearly grants this use as it relates to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The staff will add you to the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) list, so that in the future zoning hearing request information which relates to pawn shop uses can be forwarded to you well in advance of any zoning hearings and your comments can be made to the zoning commissioner prior to the hearing.

Please contact me at 887-3391, if you have any questions.

JLL:rye

c: Mr. Neil Lanzi zoning case 97-25-SPHX



RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

1709 Poplar Place, NE/S of Wise Avenue, * ZONING COMMISSIONER

170' SE of c/l Merritt Boulevard

12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Legal Owner(s): William W. Wortman * CASE NO. 97-25-SPHX

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Craig F. Miceli

Petitioners *

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter May Zimneins

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3 day of August, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire, 300 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner.

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Suite 700, Parkside Building 10500 Little Pantxent Parkway Columbia, Maryland 21044

Reply to Towson

March 13, 1997

Hand-Delivered
John Lewis
Office of Permits and Development Management
111 Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: My Client: Craig F. Miceli

Pawnshop Business Located at 1709 Poplar Place

Dear John:

This letter is to confirm our various telephone conversations yesterday at which time we discussed my clients Pawn business he intends to open at the above referenced location in Baltimore County. As your office has confirmed, my client obtained the appropriate approval from the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County to relocate and continue the use of an existing pawnshop, 75 Shipping Place, Dundalk, Maryland to 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Maryland. You indicated you would be forwarding to the Chief of Police the updated list of names and addresses of all licensed dealers in Baltimore County, including my client and his present location.

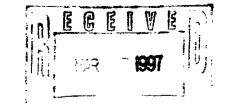
Pursuant to the requirements of Section 436 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, would you kindly confirm to Lieutenant Foracappo on behalf of the Baltimore County Chief of Police, the approval of your office of my client's pawnshop business. My client should not be delayed any further after the time, effort and expense undergone to obtain all of the appropriate approvals and permits for his business.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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c.c. Craig F. Miceli
Lieutenant Foracappo via fax
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July 18, 1996

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Reply to Towson

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Baltimore County Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 109 Towson, MD 21204

Towson, MD 21204 Attention: Gwen

Re: Pawn Shop Relocation

Petitioner: Craig Miceli

1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Maryland

Item No. 27

Dear Gwen:

My firm represents Craig Miceli, who has filed a Petition for Special Exception and Petition for Special Hearing with the Zoning Office. Mr. Miceli is listed as the Contract Purchaser/Lessee on the Petitions and presently has a Lease on his existing pawn shop location and a second Lease on the proposed new location. Mr. Miceli has advised me he is paying rent on two locations and, obviously, cannot use the proposed new location until zoning approvals are obtained. Accordingly, I respectfully request on behalf of Mr. Miceli that the hearing for his Petitions be expedited if at all possible.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

J. Neil Lanzi

cc: Craiq Miceli

Kevin White, Project Manager

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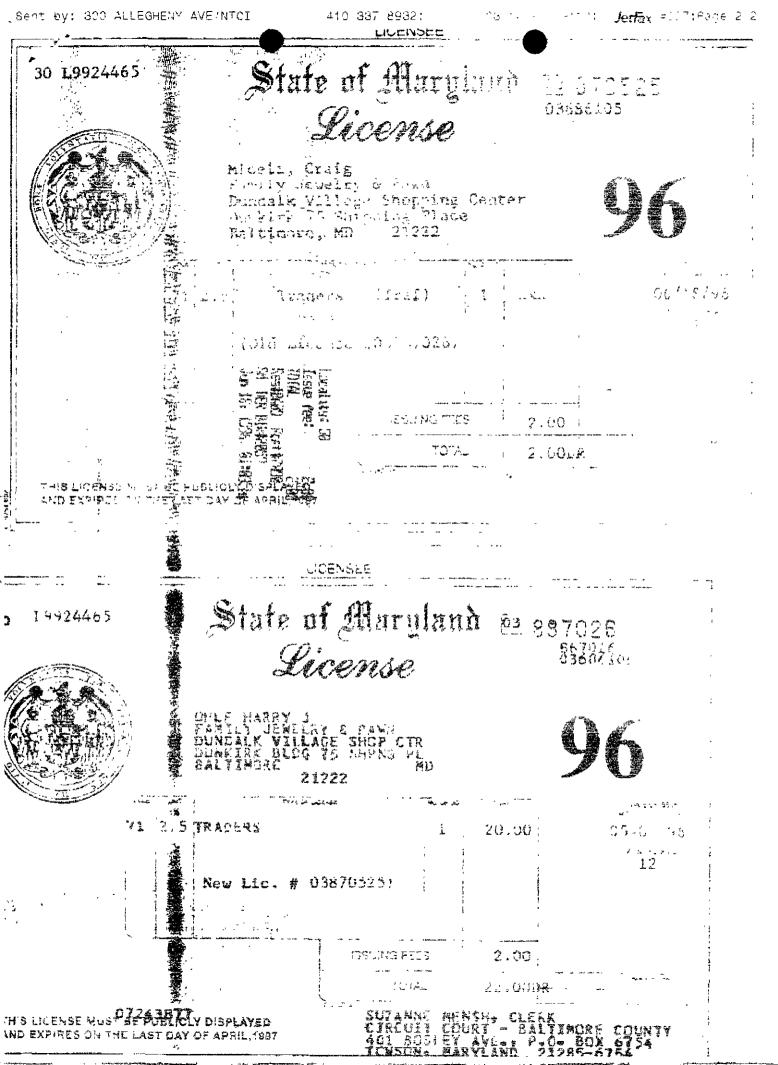
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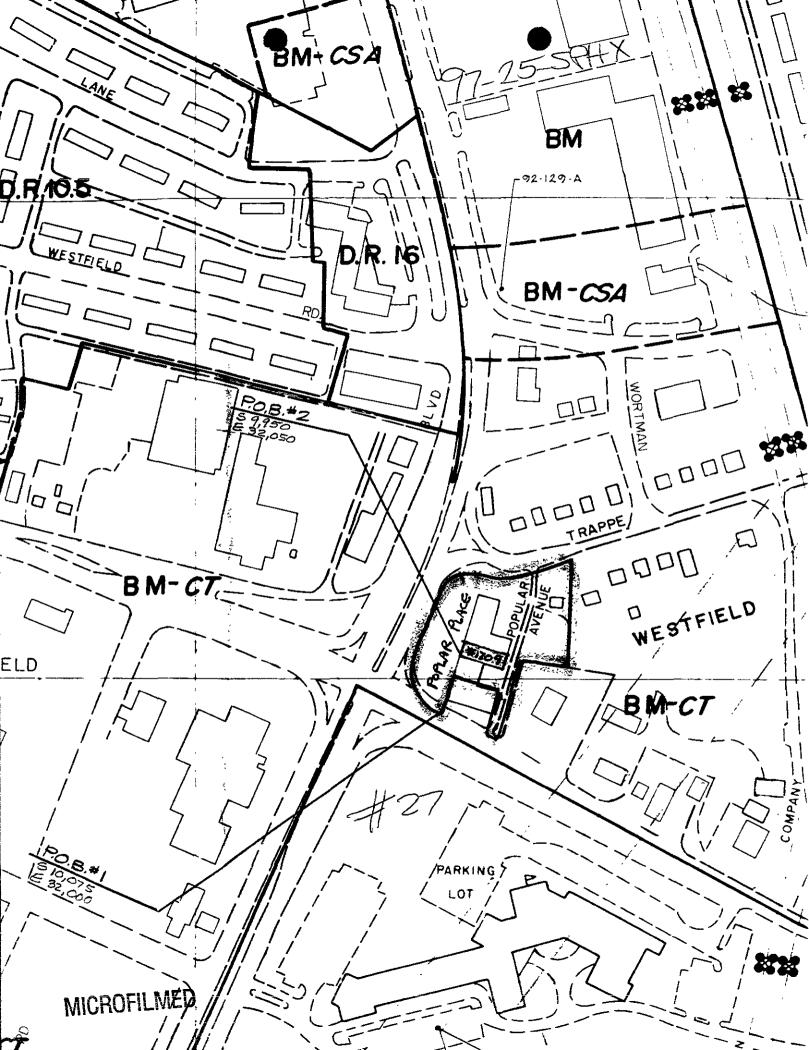
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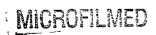


This Lease Agreement (this "lease") is made effective as of June 15, 1996, by and between William Ward Wortman ("Landlord"), and Craig Miceli ("Tenant") trading as "Modern Jewelry and Pawn". All prior leases between these two parties regarding 1709 Poplar Place are void. The parties agree as follows:

- 1. PREMISES. Landlord, in consideration of the lease payments provide in this Lease, leases to Tenant a retail storefront of at least 5,000 square feet (the "Premises") located at 1709 Poplar Place, Baltimore, MD 21222.
- 2. TERM. The lease term will begin on June 15, 1996 and will terminate on June 14, 1997. Tenant accepts property in as-is condition.
- 3. RENEWAL TERMS. This Lease shall automatically renew for two additional incremental periods of three years per renewal term on the same terms as this Lease, unless tenant gives written notice of the termination no later than sixty days prior to the end of the term or renewal term. The first renewal term will begin on June 15, 1997 and will end June 14, 2000, The second renewal term will begin June 15, 2000 and end June 14, 2003.
- 4. HOLDOVER. If Tenant maintains possession of the Premises of any period after the termination of this lease ("Holdover Period"), Tenant shall pay to Landlord a lease payment of the Holdover Period based on the terms of the following Lease Payments paragraph. Such Holdover shall constitute a month to month extension to this lease.
- 5. LEASE PAYMENTS. Tenant shall pay to the Landlord monthly payment of \$2,300 per month for the first year, payable in advance on the fifteenth day of each month starting June 15, 1996. The second, third and fourth years of the lease the rent will be \$2,500 per month. Should the Tenant continue tenancy for the fifth, sixth and seventh years, the rent will be \$2,500 per month. Lease payment shall be made to the Landlord at 3018 Dunglow Road, Baltimore, MD 21222 unless notified otherwise. For comments regarding potential rent increases due to Real Estate taxes or insurance increases, see item #34.
- 6. LATE PAYMENTS. Tenant shall pay a late charge equal to \$50.00 for each payment that is not paid within five (5) days after the due date for such payment.
- 7. NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS. Tenant shall be charged \$25.00 for each check that is returned to Landlord for lack of sufficient funds.

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EXHIBIT 4



- 8. SECURITY DEPOSIT. At the time of the signing of this lease, Tenant shall pay to Landlord, in trust, a security deposit of \$2,300.00 to be held and disbursed for Tenant damages to the Premises (if any) as provided by law. Interest accrued on the deposit will be returned to Tenant annually beginning June 15, 1997.
- 9. POSSESSION. Tenant shall be entities to possession on the first day of the term of this Lease, and shall yield possession to the Landlord on the last day of the term of this Lease.
- 10. USE OF PREMISES. Tenant may use the Premises to operate the following: 1. Pawn Shop, 2. Jewelry Sales and Repair, 3. Check Cashing. The Premises may be used for any other purpose only with the prior written consent of Landlord. Tenant shall notify Landlord of any anticipated extended absence from the Premises not later than the first day of the extended absence.
- 11. REMODELING OR STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS. Tenant shall have the obligation to conduct any construction or remodeling (at Tenant's expense) that appropriately facilitate its use for such purposes. Such construction shall be undertaken and such fixtures may be erected only with the prior written consent of the Landlord which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any structural remodeling will be done by a licensed contractor. At the end of the lease term, Tenant shall be entitled to remove (or at the request of Landlord shall remove) such fixtures, and shall restore the Premises to substantially the same condition of the Premises at the commencement of this lease. Landlord gives tenant permission to relocate staircase in the middle of the first floor if needed as long as Landlord approves new location and said work is done by a licensed contractor.
- 12. MAINTENANCE. Tenant's obligation for maintenance shall include any repair to electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning if said repairs are due to Tenant negligence or fault. Tenant has Landlord's permission to obtain a maintenance agreement on the HVAC unit at Tenant's sole expense if he so chooses.
- 13. LANDLORD'S OBLIGATION FOR MAINTENANCE. Any replacement of HVAC if needed as long as said replacement is not due to Tenant negligence. Any electrical and plumbing repairs as long as said repairs are not due to Tenant negligence. Landlord is also responsible for the maintenance of the following:
- 1. Roof, outside walls and other structural parts of the building, 2. Parking lot, driveways and sidewalks.

- 14. ACCESS BY LANDLORD TO PREMISES. Subject to Tenant's consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), Landlord shall have the right to enter the Premises to make inspections, provide necessary services, or show the unit to prospective buyers, mortgagees, tenants or workers. As provided by law, in the case of an emergency, Landlord may enter the Premises without Tenant's consent.
- 15. UTILITIES AND SERVICES. Tenant shall be responsible for all utilities and services in connection with the Premises, and said services will be in Tenant name on the first day of possession. Reasonable refuse removal shall be provided by the landlord from the dumpsters located at the rear of the shopping center.
- 16. PROPERTY INSURANCE. Landlord and Tenant shall be responsible to maintain appropriate insurance for their respective interests in the Premises and property located on the Premises.
- 17. LIABILITY INSURANCE. Tenant shall maintain liability insurance in total aggregate sum of at least \$100,000.00. Tenant shall deliver appropriate evidence to Landlord as proof that adequate insurance is in force. Landlord shall have the right to require that the Landlord receive notice of any termination of such insurance policies.
- 18. INDEMNITY REGARDING USE OF PREMISES. Tenant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Landlord from and against any and all losses, claims, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, if any, which Landlord may suffer or incur in connection with Tenant's use of the Premises. If Tenant conducts any unlawful or illegal activities upon Premises, Tenant will immediately cease and desist from said activities and shall immediately vacate the Premises and shall be responsible for any and all monies due on the remainder of said lease.
- 19. DANGEROUS MATERIALS. Tenant shall not keep or have on the Premises any article or thing of a dangerous, flammable or explosive character that might substantially increase the danger of fire on the Premises, or that might be considered hazardous by a responsible insurance company, unless the prior written consent of the Landlord is obtained and proof of adequate insurance protection is provided by Tenant to Landlord.
- 20. TAXES. Taxes attributable to the Premises or the use of the Premises shall be allocated as follows: Real Estate Taxes... Landlord shall pay all real estate taxes and assessments for the Premises. Personal Taxes... Tenant shall pay all personal taxes and any other charges which may be levied against the Premises and which are attributable to Tenant's use of the Premises.

- 21. DESTRUCTION OR CONDEMNATION OF PREMISES. If the Premises are partially destroyed in a manner that prevents the conducting of Tenant's use of the Premises in a normal manner, and if the damage is reasonably repairable within sixty days after the occurrence of the destruction, and if the cost of repair is less than \$50,000.00, Landlord shall repair the Premises and the lease payments shall abate during the period of the repair. However, if the damage is not repairable within sixty days, or if the cost of the repair is \$50,000.00 or more, or if the Landlord is prevented from repairing the damage by forces beyond Landlord's control, or if the property is condemned, this Lease shall terminate upon twenty days written notice of such event or condition by either party.
- 22. MECHANICS LIENS. Neither the Tenant nor anyone claiming through the Tenant shall have the right to file mechanics liens or any other kind of lien on the Premises and filing of this Leases constitutes notice that such liens are invalid. Further, Tenant agrees to give actual advance notice to any contractors, subcontractors or suppliers of goods, labor or services that such liens will not be valid.
- 23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/AMENDMENT. This Lease Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and are no other promises or conditions in any agreement whether oral or written. This Lease may be modified or amended in writing, if the writing is signed by the party obligated under the amendment.
- 24. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Lease shall be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Lease is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision, it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited.
- 25. WAIVER. The failure of either party to enforce any provisions of this Lease shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this lease.
- 26. CUMULATIVE RIGHTS. The rights of the parties under this Lease are cumulative, and shall not be construed as exclusive unless otherwise required by law.

- 27. DEFAULTS. Tenant shall be in default of this Lease, if Tenant fails to fulfill any lease obligation or term by which Tenant is bound. Subject to any governing provisions of law to the contrary, if Tenant fails to cure any financial obligation within thirty days (or any other obligation within thirty days) after written notice of such default is provide by Landlord to Tenant, Landlord my take possession of the Premises without further notice, and without prejudicing landlord's rights to damages. In the alternative, Landlord may elect to cure any default and the cost of such action shall be added to Tenant's financial obligation under this Lease. Tenant shall pay all costs, damages and expenses suffered by Landlord by reason of Tenant's default.
- 28. ARBITRATION. Any controversy or claim relating to this lease, including the construction or application of this Lease, will be settled by binding arbitration under the rules of THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION, and any judgment granted by the arbitrator(s) may be enforced in any court of proper jurisdiction.
- 29. ASSIGNABILITY/SUBLETTING. Tenant may not assign or sublease any interest in the Premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 30. NOTICE. Notices under this Lease shall not be deemed valid unless given or served in writing and forwarded by mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

LANDLORD William Ward Wortman 3018 Dunglow Road Baltimore, MD 21222

TENANT Craig F. Miceli
1709 Poplar Place
Baltimore, MD 21222

Such addresses may be changed from time to time by either party by providing notice as set forth above.

- 31. GOVERNING LAW. This Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.
- 32. SUBORDINATION OF LEASE. This Lease is subordinate to any mortgage that now exists or may be given later by Landlord, with respects to the Premises.

- 33. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS. Tenant is responsible for the removal of snow from sidewalks in front of their store within three hours of snow ending. If snow is not removed within five hours, the Landlord has the option to have the snow removed at the Tenant's expense. Tenant is also responsible for keeping alleyway clear of debris behind their store. Employee parking is located at the rear of the building and parking in the front of building is reserved for customers only. No pets shall be kept at the property. Deliveries to the Premises will be made through the rear entrance.
- 34. RENT INCREASES. Rent may only be increased during duration of this Lease if due to a real estate tax or insurance increase to the Landlord. Documentation of such increases may be made available for the Tenant's perusal, and will be based upon percentage of full tenancy.
- 35. SIGNS. Tenant has the right at his expense to have two signs, no more than 3 ft. x 24 ft. and 14 in. x 16 ft. on the building. These signs must be in the same colors as the existing signs (red, black and white) at Poplar Place Center.
- 36. NON COMPETE CLAUSE. Both Landlord and Tenant hereby agree that neither shall allow a competitive business to exist within Poplar Place Center. A competitive business shall be considered to be a business which directly or indirectly competes with or detracts from or negatively impacts the business of Pawn Shop, Jewelry Sales or Repair, and Check Cashing. Both Landlord and Tenant further agree that neither party shall compete with any current business now located within Poplar Place Center.

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SUZANNE MENSH, CLERK CIRCUIT COURT - BALTIMORE COUNTY 401 BUSLEY AVE., P.G. BOX 6754 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21285-6754

DUNDALK SPORTING GOODS

301 WISE AVENUE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21222

(301) 288-1444

To whom it may concern:

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Thave owned and continuosly openated DUNDALK Sporting Goods at 301 Wise Avenue For over 26 years. I have Known Mr. Chais Miceli For Most of that time period. I have had numerous business dealings with Mr. Miceli. He has always been very fair and honest and above board in all of our dealings. The Community can be assured that any business owned by Mr. Miceli will be an asset and an enhancement Pet # 6.A MARCON Thank You, to the Community. Jon Hartner



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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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LOUIS L. DEPAZZO
COUNCILMAN, SEVENTH DISTRICT

COUNCIL OFFICE: 887-3196
DUNDALK DISTRICT OFFICE: 887-7174
NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT CENTER
7701 WISE AVENUE
DUNDALK, MARYLAND 21222

July 29, 1996

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known of Mr. Craig Micelli for seventeen years; ever since he has owned Running Out Billiards at 12 Dundalk Avenue.

At all times over the past seventeen years Mr. Micelli has enjoyed the reputation of running a clean and respected business which presents a nice atmosphere.

Mr. Micelli is desirous of assuming ownership of a pawn shop which he intends to move from the Dundalk Shopping Center onto Merritt Boulevard very near Wise Avenue.

Judging from past performance, and reputation, I deem Mr. Micelli to be a fit and proper person to operate a pawn shop at the intended location and wish him well in the process.

If you request additional comments, please contact me at 887-7174.

Very truly yours,

Louis L. DePazzo

Councilman Seventh District

LLD/jlb









August 19, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

For approximately fifteen years, I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Craig Miceli. Mr Miceli's "Running Out Billiards" and my family's business, Pinland Bowling Lanes, are neighbors on Dundalk Avenue. Mr Miceli has been a consummate professional in his dealings with my family and the community. He has taken the initiative in our area by becoming a leader in the restoration of Dundalk's business center.

For example, he began this restoration several years ago with the purchase of Dundalk Pool Hall, which he miraculously transformed into Running Out Billiards. He takes great pride in the interior and exterior appearance of the business. He singlehandedly remodeled his entire business, and also helped the surrounding businesses in their remodeling efforts with words of encouragement and a helping hand. He has paved the back alley, as well as the parking lots, and mounted extra lighting in these places to insure the safety of all our customers. Mr. Miceli also takes great pride in the cleanliness of the area. He constantly monitors the area for litter and monetarily takes care of the dumpster pick up. As a result of Mr. Miceli's efforts and enthusiasm, he has literally taken the bad element out of the billiard hall and turned it into a family establishment.

Mr. Miceli also has a strong sense of community. He is now an active participant in our business area with the Chamber of Commerce and the Dundalk Business Association. The ten business owners on our side of Dundalk Avenue, as well as many of the business owners in the Dundalk Shopping Center, value Craig's serious representation at the meetings. In addition, Craig also sponsors many youth teams and is a constant role model to the youth of Dundalk.

We feel very lucky to have Mr. Miceli as a team leader in our business area, as a neighbor, and as a friend. It is my desire that the board look favorably upon his application for zoning. I, along with the other business owners in the area, know that the new business which Craig plans to open will not only be a great success for him, it will be a step in the right direction for the surrounding community as well.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Litrenta

Proprietor

Pinland Bowling Lanes, Inc.

National Pawnbrokers Association

World Trade Center
2050 Stemmons Freeway - Suito 195
P. O. Box 420028 - Dallas, Texas 75342-0028

Phone: 214-745-4746 or 800-235-5400 Fax: 214-745-1459 Email catpawn@ix.netcom.com

August 19, 1996

Zoning Commissioner
Baltimore County Courthouse
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Sir.

My name is Tom Hom and I am the executive director of the National Pawnbrokers Association. There is a false impression that pawnshops are primary fencing outlets for stolen property. I share and understand the frustration with regard to the crime issue, but I must say the conclusions regarding the role and effect of pawnshop on crime are misguided and incorrect.

Let's look at some of the facts. First, the pawnshop industry in the State of Maryland and the County of Baltimore is regulated by the State Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Baltimore Police Department and is one of the most heavily regulated industries in the State. This regulation is often initiated and nearly always supported by the Maryland Pawnbrokers Association.

Every individual pawning merchandise in Baltimore County must provide a positive picture identification in order to get a pawn loan. In addition, all pawned merchandise is described in detail and a complete report is filed daily with the police department. It does not make sense that a professional thief would pawn merchandise and leave a trail resulting in their arrest. Wouldn't you think a thief would find it much more prudent to "fence" stolen items to professional fences, other criminals, buy-sell shops, flea markets or some other such non-regulated outlets?

Over 70% of all pawn loans state-wide are repaid by the borrower, and the pawn merchandise redeemed. This percentage often surprises most misinformed critics of the industry, since they assume the pawn customer is either destitute or dealing in stolen merchandise. Obviously, a thief is not motivated to repay a loan and redeem merchandise he has stolen. Statistics made available in many states through law enforcement agencies show that less than one-half of one percent of all items pawned prove to be stolen. I feel confident that the statistics in Baltimore County would prove to parallel this national norm. I am also sure the Baltimore County law enforcement will tell you that the local pawnshops are "part of the solution, not part of the problem."



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Members of the National Pawnbrokers Association and other professional pawnbrokers fully understand that the public's misconceptions regarding the pawnshops and stolen merchandise threaten the very existence of the industry. The public image problem is a problem that we attack on a daily basis. The industry spends thousands of dollars training personnel to recognize potentially stolen items and thousands more are spent in assisting law enforcement officials in the recovery of stolen merchandise.

People from many and varied economical/social strata periodically have the need for the financial services provided by the pawn industry. An article in the May, 1993 issue of Forbes Magazine stated that "over 25 million households in the United States representing over 70 million people so not even have bank accounts."

Where do these 70+ million people turn without the availability of pawnshops? Will Baltimore's banks, S & Ls, credit unions or major retailers assist these citizens? The only alternative may be to increase state taxes even more in order to find the state socialism we all want to avoid. Finally, and candidly speaking, what do you think would happen if you remove the only legitimate source of financing for these hard-working people - folks that are simply doing all they can to "make ends meet." One scenario would be that the crime rate statistics could rise dramatically.

I assure you that the vast majority of pawnbrokers in the State of Maryland and in the County of Baltimore are committed to the high standards of ethics and integrity demanded of all of our corporate and individual citizens. I do not personally know Mr. Craig Miceli, but as I understand it, he is also one of these good citizens.

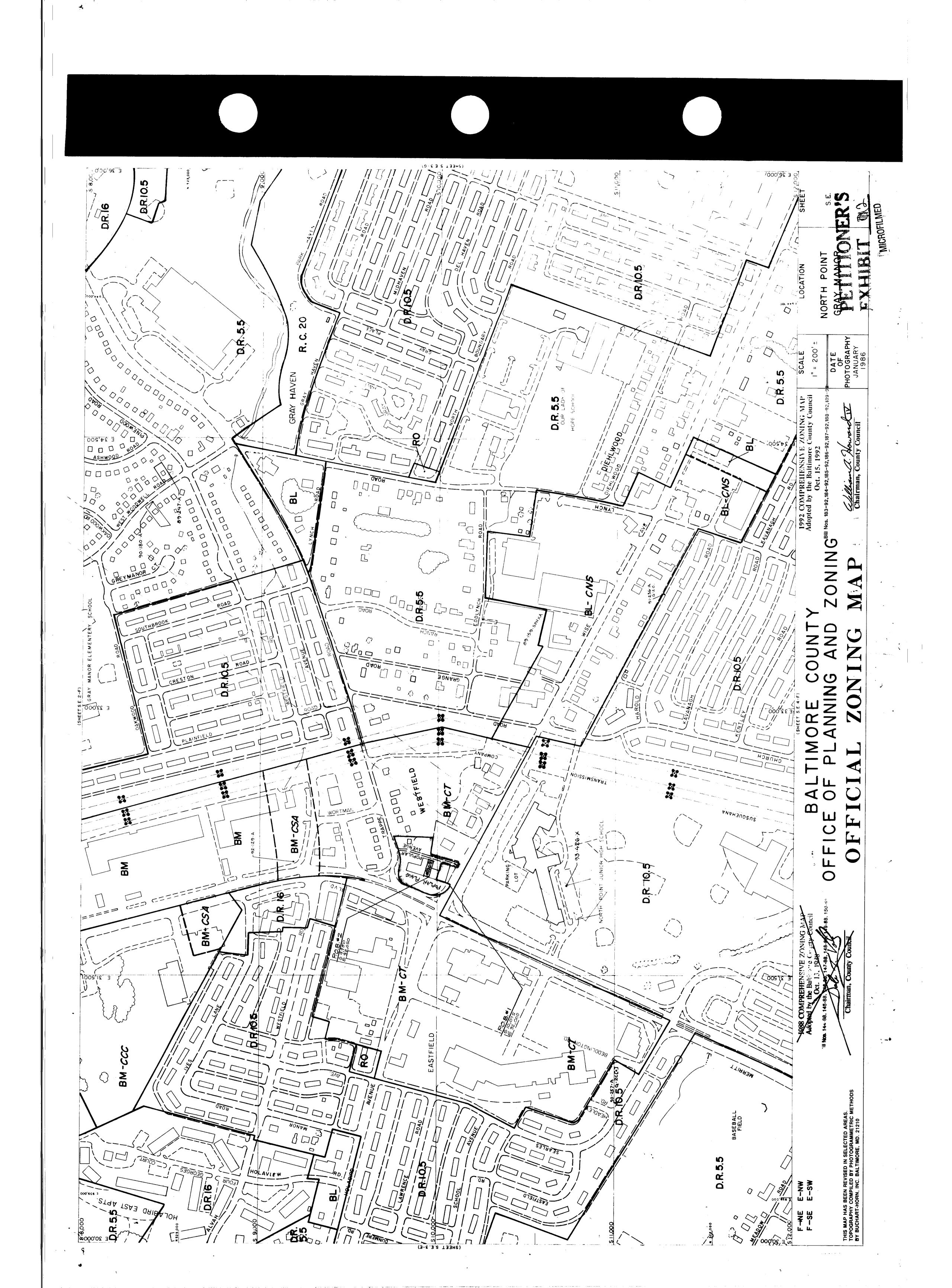
Hopefully, this correspondence has served to give you a broader understanding of our industry.

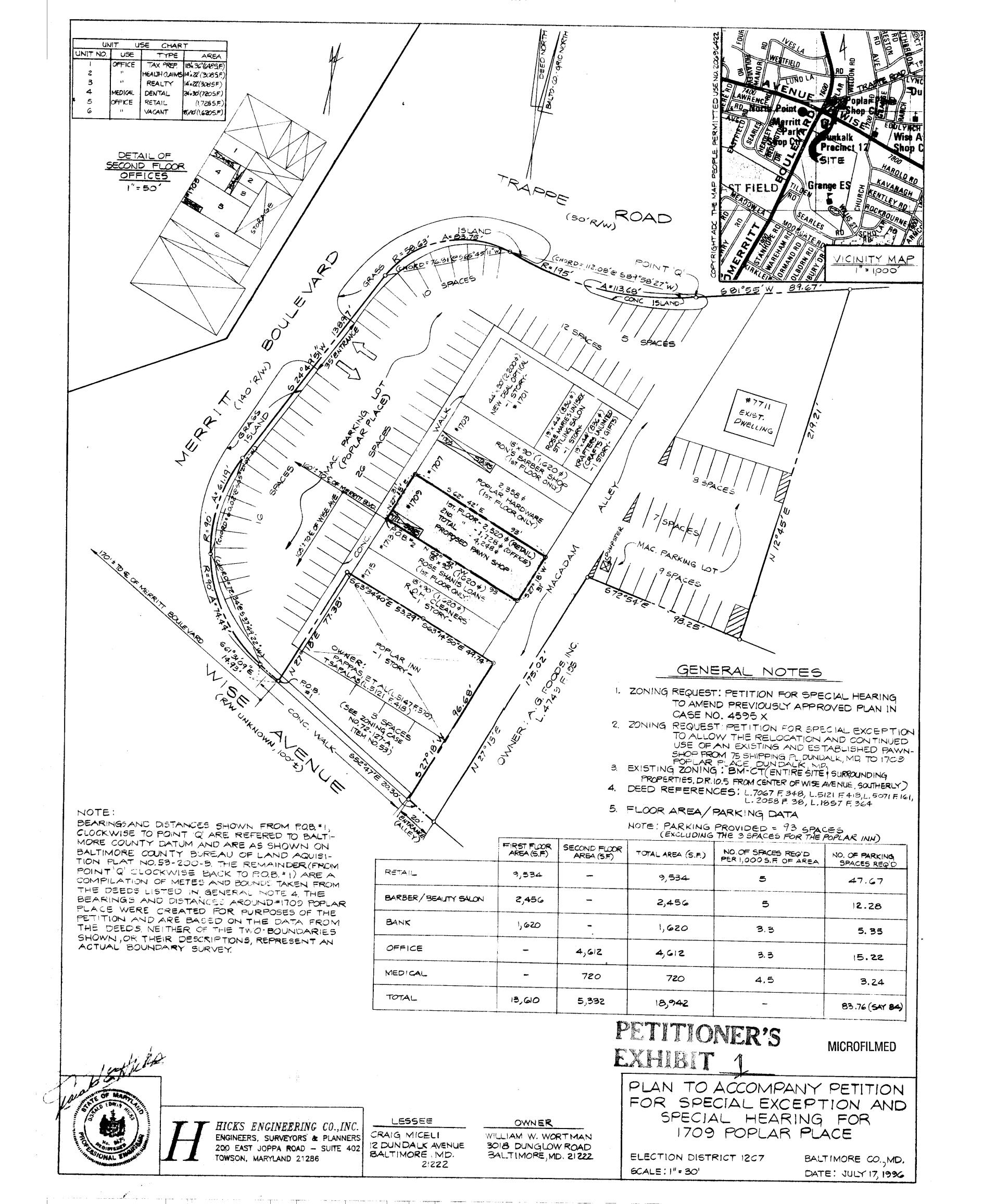
Respectfully submitted,

National Pawnbrokers Association

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Executive Director





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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING * AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION NES Wise Avenue, 170 ft. SE * ZONING COMMISSIONER of c/l Merritt Boulevard * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 1709 Poplar Place 12th Election District 7th Councilmanic District * CASE No. 97-25-SPHX Legal Owner: William Wortman Lessee: Craig F. Miceli Petitioners *****

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception for the property located at 1709 Poplar Place in the Dundalk section of Baltimore County. The Petition is filed by William W. Wortman, property owner, and Craig F. Miceli, Lessee. Special Hearing relief is requested to amend the previously approved plan in case No. 4595-X. Special Exception relief is requested to allow the relocation and continued use of an existing and established pawn shop from 75 Shipping Place, Dundalk, to 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Excep-

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case were William Wortman and Craig Miceli, Petitioners. Also present was Kevin Wight and Donald E. Hicks both from Hicks Engineering Co., Inc., the firm which prepared the site plan. The Petitioner was represented by Neil Lanzi, Esquire. Norman J. Glick on behalf of Rose Shanis Financial Services, appeared in opposition.

Testimony presented by Mr. Wight on behalf of the Petitioner was that the subject property is in an irregularly shaped lot, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Wise Avenue and Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk. The property is improved with an existing small strip shopping center which has been on the site for many years. The property is zoned

B.M.-C.T. A number of businesses occupy the strip shopping center. Among the businesses present is the Poplar Inn, a restaurant which has been at this location for many years, a dry-cleaner, a hardware store, a barber shop, an optical store, a hair salon, a craft store and a Rose Shanis Financial Service office. Previously, the business located in the middle of the shopping center at 1709 Poplar Place was a stereo store. However, that store has vacated the premises and the space has been leased to Mr. Miceli. Mr. Miceli proposes operating the pawn shop at the location, subject to zoning approval.

The subject space contains 4,248 sq. ft. in area. The first floor, which will be used for the retail pawn operation, is 2520 sq. ft. in size and the second floor contains 1728 sq. ft. The second story will contain an

The Petitioner requests special exception approval to locate a pawn shop at the subject location, pursuant to Section 436 of the BCZR. Moreover, special hearing relief is requested to amend the site plan previously approved for this property in case No. 4595-X. Section 436 of the BCZR was recently comprehensively amended by the enactment of Bill No. 12-95 by the Baltimore County Council. That Bill presented a sweeping alteration to the BCZR as it related to the regulation of pawn shops. Among the items contained within that Bill was a requirement that the Director of Permits and Development Management not accept any Petition for Special Exception for any pawn shop if there were 12 valid dealers licenses existing in the County used to operate pawn shops. In this regard, the Petitioner noted that he purchased a pawn shop license from Harry J. Ohle. Mr. Ohle was validly operating a pawn shop at 75 Shipping Place in Dundalk. Mr. Miceli has acquired the license (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 5) with the intent of relocating the shop to the present location.

In support of the Petition, Mr. Wight testified extensively regarding the standards contained in Section 502.1 of the BCZR. He opined that there will be no detriment to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale if the special exception was granted. He testified that there would be no significant increase in traffic, no environmental impact and no undue stress on public utilities and infrastructure if the relief was granted.

Mr. Wight also testified that there were no other pawn shops located within a one mile radius of the proposed location. In addition, photographs of the subject site show that the locale is commercial in area and that the proposed use is consistent with the uses in the immediate neighborhood.

Mr. Miceli also testified about his business background and plans for the location. He has operated a billiard hall in the Dundalk area for approximately 17 years and an amusement company for 4 years. He produced a number of letters from members of the business community who testified that these businesses are operated professionally and that he has been a good business neighbor. He indicated during testimony that he would run an upscale pawn operation and would fully comply with all licensing and other requirements. He also indicated that he would not accept any items for pawn from minors and would not deal in firearms from the location. He proposes to operate a professionally run operation and believes that the business will be an asset to the community.

Mr. Wortman, the owner of the shopping center property, also testified. He is in support of the Petition and indicated that Mr. Miceli has signed a long term lease for the property. He believes that the individual shop will be significantly upgraded and that the use is appropriate for the

Testifying in opposition to the request was Norman J. Glick. Mr. Glick is a member of the family which operates the Rose Shanis Financial Services

Company. That company is a well known business in the Baltimore area and contains 12 locations in the Baltimore-Metropolitan area. He testified that he has been in business at this location since 1974. Mr. Glick did not opine precisely that the proposed use would be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare. Rather, he expressed certain concerns over the change of the character of the businesses in the shopping center and also fears competition from the pawn shop operation.

The grant of special hearing and special exception relief is governed by Section 502.1 of the BCZR. That section lists a series of standards which the Petitioner must satisfy in order for relief to be granted. The standards listed therein related to such items as environmental impact, consistency with the zoning classification and whether the use will be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale. The regulations do not take into account the economic competition. It is not for the zoning authorities of Baltimore County to protect or promote the economic interests of any company. Rather, consideration of the relief requested must be in accordance with whether the use would cause negative impact on the surrounding locale.

In considering the instant request in accordance with those standards, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has met his burden of proof. In my judgment, the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale. Thus, the proposed relief will be granted. It is also to be noted that the use must be conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Bill No. 12-95, as now codified in Section 436 of

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 26 day of August, 1996 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval to amend the plan previously approved in case No. 4595-X,

Dundalk, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

> 1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

August 21, 1996

J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire 300 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception Property: 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Md. Case No. 97-25-SPHX

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception have been granted.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

c: Mr. Craig F. Miceli, 8919 Lennings Lane, Balto. Md. 21237 Mr. William W. Wortman, 3018 Dunglow Road, Dundalk, Md. 21222 Mr. Norman j. Glick, Rose Shanis Financial Services, 1710 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Md. 21222

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HEVIEWED BY: DATE 7/19/44

Baltimore, Attorney for Pesitioner J. Neil La (Type or Frint Name) Signature

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 97-25-5PHX

Petitioner, Craig F. Miceli, Lessee of the property known as 1709 Poplar Place in Baltimore County, Maryland, respectfully requests a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the property for a Pawn Shop within the existing shopping center and states the following reasons in support:

- 1. Petitioner's property is presently zoned BM-CT and has existed since the 1950's.
- 2. Petitioner's existing Pawn Shop is located at 75 Shipping Place in the Dundalk Village Shopping Center, which pawn shop was existing prior to the enactment of Bill No. 112-95.
- 3. Bill No. 112-95 allows the relocation of a Pawn Shop in Baltimore County, subject to Special Exception approval.
- 4. The proposed Pawn Shop relocation will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community.
- 5. For these reasons and additional reasons to be provided at the Hearing.

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case: #97-25-SPHX (Item 27)
1709 Poplar Place
NES of Wise Avenue, 170' SE of c/I Merritt Boulevard
12th Election District
7th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s):
William W. Wortman
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
Craig F. Miceli
Special Hearing: to approve an amendment of the previously approved plan in Case
No. 4595-X. Special Exception: to allow relocation and continued use of an existing and established pawn shop from 75 Shipping Place, Dundalk, Maryland to 1709 Poplac.
Place, Dundalk, Maryland.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on ________. 1946.

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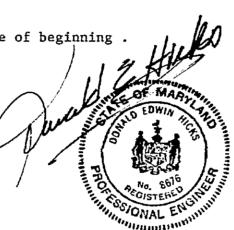
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BEGINNING at a point on the Northeast side of Wise Avenue which is approximately 100 feet wide, at the distance of 170 feet, more or less, Southeast of the centerline of Merritt Boulevard which is 140 feet wide. Thence the following nine courses and distances relating to an unknown meridian:

- 1) North 27°18' East, 77.38 feet.
- 2) South 63°34'40" East, 53.29 feet.
- 3) South 63°14'50" East, 49.74 feet,
- 4) South 27°18' West, 96.68 feet.
- 5) South 52°47' East, 20.30 feet, 6) North 27°18' East, 175.02 feet,
- 7) South 72°54' East, 98.25 feet,
- 8) North 12°45' East, 219.21 feet,
- 9) South 81°55' West, 89.67 feet to a point on the South side of Trappe Road, 50' wide, thence the following six courses and distances as shown on
- Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Plat No. 53-200-B:
- 10) By a curve to the right having a radius of 195 feet for an arc distance of 113.68 feet (the chord bearing South 89°58'27" West 112.08 feet),
- 11) By a curve to the left having a radius of 58.63 feet for an arc distance of 83.75 feet (the chord bearing South 65°45'11" West, 76.81 feet),
 - 12) South 24°49'51" West, 138.97 feet,
- 13) By a curve to the left having a radius of 90 feet for an arc distance of 61.19 feet (the chord bearing South 05°21'07" West, 60.02 feet),
- 14) By a curve continuing to the left with a radius of 90 feet for an arc distance of 74.44 feet (the chord bearing South 37°49'22" West, 72.34

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SPECIAL HEARING ZONING DESCRIPTION POPLAR PLACE 97-25-SPHX (ELECTION DISTRICT 12C7)

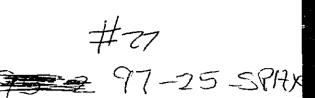
CONSISTING of all or part of several parcels as described in the following deeds:

> Liber 7067, Folio 348 Liber 5121, Folio 418 Liber 5071, Foilo 161 Liber 2058, Folio 38 Liber 1857, Folio 364

CONTAINING 1.7 acres of land more or less and being known as the Poplar Place Shopping Center.

HICKS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. 200 E. Joppa Road, Suite 402 Towson, MD 21286

SPECIAL EXCEPTION ZONING DESCRIPTION 1709 POPLAR PLACE (ELECTION DISTRICT 12C7)



BEGINNING at a point 165 feet more or less northeast of the centerline of Wise Avenue which is approximately 100 feet wide and also at a distance of 160 feet, more or less southeast of the centerline of Merritt Boulevard which is 140 feet wide, said point being the southwest corner of 1709 Poplar Place which is a unit attached to and a part of the Poplar Place Shopping Center thence, the following courses and distances around the said

1) North 27°18' East, 31 feet

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3) South 27°18' West, 31 feet

4) North 62°42' West, 93 feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 0.07 acres of land, more or less.

BEING a part of the property described in a deed dated December 27, 1951 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 2058, Folio 38. Also known as 1709 Poplar Place.

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Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.
- NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR For newspaper advertising: Item No.: 27 Petitioner: Craig Mice.

Location: 1709 Paplace Place PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: NAME: 1 NRIC CONZ, P.A. ADDRESS: 300 allegheny aunu Towson mo 21204 PHONE NUMBER: 337-9039

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY August 1, 1996 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please foward billing to: J. Neil Lanzi, P.A. 300 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 97-25-SPHX (Item 27) 1709 Poplar Place NE/S of Wise Avenue, 170' SE of c/l Merritt Boulevard 12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic

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HEARING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1936 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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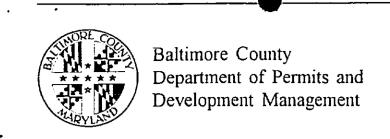
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

August 19, 1996

J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire 300 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Item No.: 27 Case No.: 97-25-SPHX Petitioner: William W. Wortman

Dear Mr. Lanzi:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on July 18, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Arnold Jablon, Director

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for August 12, 1996

zoning item, and we have no comments.

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Department of Permits & Development

bert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division

Item Nos. 026, 027, 028, 031, 032,

034, 035, 036, 037, 040, 041, and

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject

Date: August 9, 1996

Attachment(s)

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Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Watson:

objection to approval as the development does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-545-5581 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

RE: Baltimore County Item No. 027 (MJK) Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

This office has reviewed the referenced plan and we have no

Very truly yours, for Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

David L. Winstead

Secretary

8-5-96

Hal Kassoff

Administrator

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM DATE: August 12, 1996

FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director, OP

SUBJECT: 1709 Poplar Place

INFORMATION

Item Number: Petitioner:

Property Size:

Requested Action:

Hearing Date:

The hours of operation should not extend past 9:00 p.m. As per Section 436.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Recommendations, no temporary signs should be placed in front of the store or in the window.

AFK/JM/lw

ITEM27/PZONE/ZAC1

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 20, 1997

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no

R. Bruce Seeley

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee

DEPRM

Permits and Development Review

comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Meeting Date: Chy 5, 9C

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Detective Kropfelder Baltimore County Police

Burglary/Pawn Unit FROM: John L. Lewis Planner II U Zoning Review, PDM

Pawn Shop 1709 Poplar Place 12th Election District

Mr. Neil Lanzi, the attorney for the owner of 1709 Poplar Place, requested that this office provide you with a statement of zoning compliance for the pawn shop use proposed for the above location.

A review of the zoning case file records and a discussion with Mr. Larry Schmidt (Zoning Commissioner) indicates that a special hearing and special exception for this use was approved by the zoning commissioner on August 26, 1996 under zoning case #97-25-SPHX. There was no appeal of this decision. Therefore, the zoning staff must acknowledge that the zoning commissioner's order clearly grants this use as it relates to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The staff will add you to the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) list, so that in the future zoning hearing request information which relates to pawn shop uses can be forwarded to you well in advance of any zoning hearings and your comments can be made to the zoning commissioner prior to the hearing.

Please contact me at 887-3391, if you have any questions.

c: Mr. Neil Lanzi zoning case 97-25-SPHX altimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500 Office of the Fire Marshal

DATE: 08/07/96

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 05. 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

Zoning Agenda:

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 26,27,28,29,30,31,32,34, 35,36,37,38,39 AND 41.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office. PHONE 887-4881. MS-1102F

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING BEFORE THE PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 1709 Poplar Place, NE/S of Wise Avenue, * ZONING COMMISSIONER 170' SE of c/l Merritt Boulevard 12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Legal Owner(s): William W. Wortman CASE NO. 97-25-SPHX Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Craig F. Miceli Petitioners

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Peter May Zimmeinen PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3 day of August, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire, 300 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for

Petitioner.

J. NEIL LANZI, P.A. ATTORNEY AT LAW 300 ALLEGHENY AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 337-9039 J. Neil Lanzi FAX: (410) 337-8932 OF COUNSEL Fred L. Coover* *Also Admitted in District of Columbia March 13, 1997 <u> Hand-Delivered</u> John Lewis Office of Permits and Development Management 111 Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Re: My Client: Craig F. Miceli Pawnshop Business Located at 1709 Poplar Place Dear John: This letter is to confirm our various telephone conversations yesterday at which time we discussed my clients Pawn business he intends to open at the above referenced location in Baltimore County. As your office has confirmed, my client obtained the appropriate approval from the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County to relocate and continue the use of an existing pawnshop, 75 Shipping Place, Dundalk, Maryland to 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Maryland. You indicated you would be forwarding to the Chief of Police the updated list of names and addresses of all licensed dealers in Baltimore County, including my client and his present Pursuant to the requirements of Section 436 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, would you kindly confirm to Lieutenant Foracappo on behalf of the Baltimore County Chief of Police, the approval of your office of my client's pawnshop business. My client should not be delayed any further after the time, effort and expense undergone to obtain all of the appropriate approvals and permits for his business. Thank you very much for your cooperation. c.c. Craig F. Miceli Lieutenant Foracappo via fax (with enclosed license) (micelilewis.ltr) PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY KEVIN WIGHT - HICKS ENG. CO., MC. DONALD E. TTICKS Quia Miceli PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

J. NEIL LANZI ATTORNEY AT LAW 300 ALLEGHENY AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 337-9039 COLUMBIA J. Neil Lanzi Suite 700, Parkside Building FAX: (410) 337-8932 10500 Little Patuxent Parkway OF COUNSEL Columbia, Maryland 21044 Fred L. Coover* July 18, 1996 Reply to Towson *Also Admitted in District of Columbia HAND DELIVERED Baltimore County Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 109 Towson, MD 21204 Attention: Gwen Re: Pawn Shop Relocation Petitioner: Craig Miceli 1709 Poplar Place, Dundalk, Maryland Item No. <u>27</u>_____ Dear Gwen: My firm represents Craig Miceli, who has filed a Petition for Special Exception and Petition for Special Hearing with the Zoning Office. Mr. Miceli is listed as the Contract Purchaser/Lessee on the Petitions and presently has a Lease on his existing pawn shop location and a second Lease on the proposed new location. Mr. Miceli has advised me he is paying rent on two locations and, obviously, cannot use the proposed new location until zoning approvals are obtained. Accordingly, I respectfully request on behalf of Mr. Miceli that the hearing for his Petitions be expedited if at all possible. Thank you very much for your consideration. Very truly yours, J. Neil Lanzi cc: Craig Miceli Kevin White, Project Manager (micelcou.ltr)

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10500 Little Patuxent Parkway

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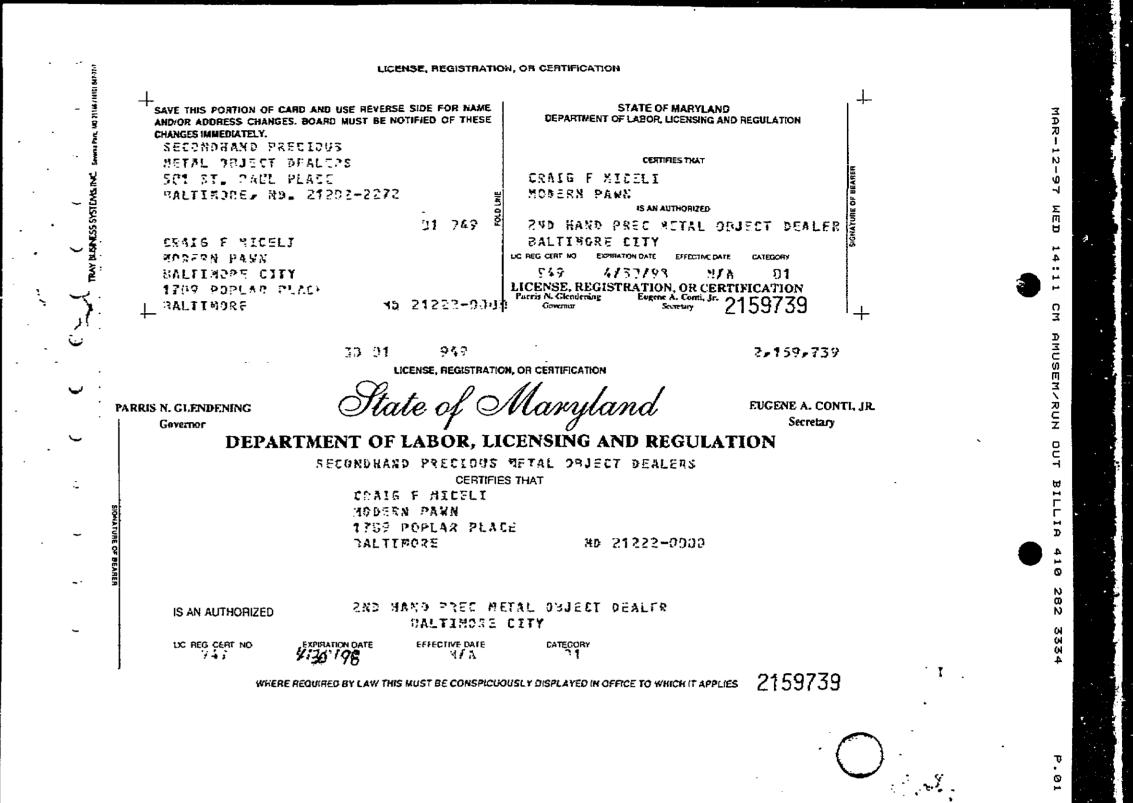
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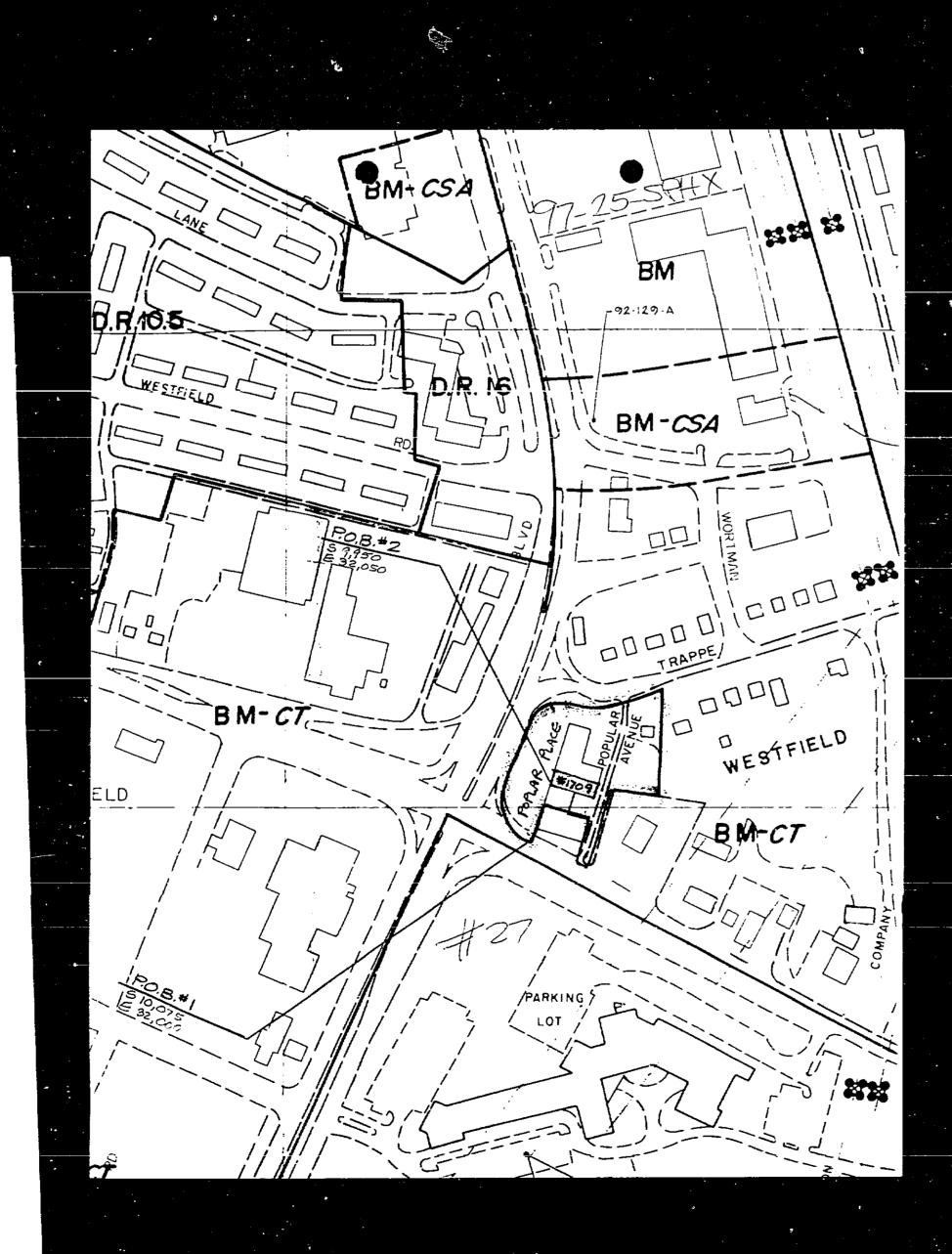
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Sent by: 300 ALLEGHENY AVE/NTCI 410 337 8932; 03/12/97 9:10; **Jetfax** #627;Page 1/2 J. NEIL LANZI AUTORNEY AT LAW 300 ALLEGHENY AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 337-9039 COLUMBIA J. Neil Lanzi FAX: (410) 337-8932 Stite 700, Parkside Building 10500 Little Parexent Parkway OF COUNSEL Fied L. Coover* Columbia, Maryland 21044 Reply to Towson *Also Admined in District of Columbia PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) TO-John Liwis TELECOPIER NO.: AREA CODE 1 1 357-5708 TELEPHONE NO.: AREA CODE 1 Total Number of Pages, including this page: DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED Paren shop licens issued to Crais Mideli If you do not receive all pages, please call back as soon as possible at: (410; 337-9035, Telecopier Number: (410) 337-8932. FED. DX. HAND-DELIVERED ORIGINAL TO BE: MAILED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PACSIMILE MESSAGE IS ATTORNEY PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY NAMED ABOVE. IF THE READER OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISSEMINATION. DISTRIBUTION OR COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS COMMUNICATION IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY US BY TELEPHONE AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO US AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS VIA THE U.S. FOSTAL SERVICE. THAMK YOU.





This Lease Agreement (this "lease") is made effective as of June 15, 1996, by and between William Ward Wortman ("Landlord"), and Craig Miceli ("Tenant") trading as "Modern Jewelry and Pawn". All prior leases between these two parties regarding 1709 Poplar Place are void. The parties agree as follows: 1. PREMISES. Landlord, in consideration of the lease payments provide in this Lease, leases to Tenant a retail storefront of at least 5,000 square feet (the "Premises") located at 1709 Poplar Place, Baltimore, MD 21222. 2. TERM. The lease term will begin on June 15, 1996 and will terminate on June 14, 1997. Tenant accepts property in as-is condition. 3. RENEWAL TERMS. This Lease shall automatically renew for two additional incremental periods of three years per renewal term on the same terms as this Lease, unless tenant gives written notice of the termination no later than sixty days prior to the end of the term or renewal term. The first renewal term will begin on June 15, 1997 and will end June 14, 2000, The second renewal term will begin June 15, 2000 and end June 14, 2003. 4. HOLDOVER. If Tenant maintains possession of the Premises of any period after the termination of this lease ("Holdover Period"), Tenant shall pay to Landlord a lease payment of the Holdover Period based on the terms of the following Lease Payments paragraph. Such Holdover shall constitute a month to month extension to this lease. 5. LEASE PAYMENTS. Tenant shall pay to the Landlord monthly payment of \$2,300 per month for the first year, payable in advance on the fifteenth day of each month starting June 15, 1996. The second, third and fourth years of the lease the rent will be \$2,500 per month. Should the Tenant continue tenancy for the fifth, sixth and seventh years, the rent will be \$2,500 per month. Lease payment shall be made to the Landlord at 3018 Dungiow Road, Baltimore, MD 21222 unless notified otherwise. For comments regarding potential rent increases due to Real Estate taxes or insurance increases, see item #34. 6. LATE PAYMENTS. Tenant shall pay a late charge equal to \$50.00 for each payment that is not paid within five (5) days after the due date for such payment. 7. NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS. Tenant shall be charged \$25.00 for each check that is

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EXHIBIT 4

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State of Maryland @ 870525

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License

Miceli, Craig
Family Jewelry & Pawn
Dundalk Village Shopping Center
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Baltimore, MD 21222

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12 Dundalk Avenue - Dundalk, Maryland 21222

August 15, 1996

To Whom it may concern:

I have known Craig Miceli for seventeen years. Our business has been located next to Running Out Billiards for over forty years. The past owner operated a business that was undesirable for the area. Seventeen years ago Craig cleaned up the building, the buisness and the clientele. Now it is a family oriented business that is an asset to Dundalk Avenue and the other businesses in the area. Craig has taken care of paving the road behind our buildings and maintains the parking area and the dumpster. The entire block has improved with his diligence.

In the winter, Craig maintains the area by providing snow removal and making sure sidewalks and parking areas are safe for customers. We have always shared an open dialogue and he has been instrumental in solving any mutual problems that may occur.

In my business I find integrity and honesty to be extremely importand and Craig is honest in his business and personal life. It has been a pleasure and an honor to share 12 Dundalk Avenue with him.

Thank you for your consideration,

Toby C. Mazer



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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY County Court House, Towson, Maryland 21204

LOUIS L. DEPAZZO COUNCILMAN, SEVENTH DISTRICT

COUNCIL OFFICE: 887-3196 DUNDALK DISTRICT OFFICE: 887-7174 NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT CENTER 7701 WISE AVENUE DUNDALK, MARYLAND 21222

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known of Mr. Craig Micelli for seventeen years; ever since he has owned Running Out Billiards at 12 Dundalk Avenue. At all times over the past seventeen years Mr. Micelli has enjoyed the reputation of running a clean and respected business which presents a nice atmosphere.

July 29, 1996

Mr. Micelli is desirous of assuming ownership of a pawn shop which he intends to move from the Dundalk Shopping Center onto Merritt Boulevard very near Wise Avenue.

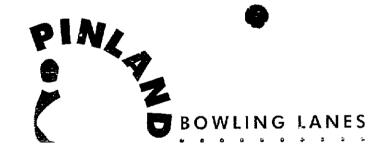
Judging from past performance, and reputation, I deem Mr. Micelli to be a fit and proper person to operate a pawn shop at the intended location and wish him well in the process.

If you request additional comments, please contact me at

Very truly yours,

Louis L. DePazzo Councilman Seventh District

LLD/jlb



Steven A. Litrenta

August 19, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

For approximately fifteen years, I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Craig Miceli. Mr Miceli's "Running Out Billiards" and my family's business, Pinland Bowling Lanes, are neighbors on Dundalk Avenue. Mr Miceli has been a consummate professional in his dealings with my family and the community. He has taken the initiative in our area by becoming a leader in the restoration of Dundalk's business center.

For example, he began this restoration several years ago with the purchase of Dundalk Pool Hall, which he miraculously transformed into Running Out Billiards. He takes great pride in the interior and exterior appearance of the business. He singlehandedly remodeled his entire business, and also helped the surrounding businesses in their remodeling efforts with words of encouragement and a helping hand. He has paved the back alley, as well as the parking lots, and mounted extra lighting in these places to insure the safety of all our customers. Mr. Miceli also takes great pride in the cleanliness of the area. He constantly monitors the area for litter and monetarily takes care of the dumpster pick up. As a result of Mr. Miceli's efforts and enthusiasm, he has literally taken the bad element out of the billiard hall and turned it into a family establishment.

Mr. Miceli also has a strong sense of community. He is now an active participant in our business area with the Chamber of Commerce and the Dundalk Business Association. The ten business owners on our side of Dundalk Avenue, as well as many of the business owners in the Dundalk Shopping Center, value Craig's serious representation at the meetings. In addition, Craig also sponsors many youth teams and is a constant role model to the youth of Dundalk.

We feel very lucky to have Mr. Miceli as a team leader in our business area, as a neighbor, and as a friend. It is my desire that the board look favorably upon his application for zoning. I, along with the other business owners in the area, know that the new business which Craig plans to open will not only be a great success for him, it will be a step in the right direction for the surrounding community as well.

Steven A. Litrenta

Pinland Bowling Lanes, Inc.

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Michael G. Litrenta

Association P. O. Box 420028 · Dallas, Texas 75342-0028 Phone: 214-745-4746 or 800-235-5400 Fax: 214-745-1459 Email catpawn@ix.netcom.com

P. 002

August 19, 1996

Pawnbrokers

Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Maryland 21204

ALC: -19 95 (NCN) 17:33 NATE PARABRARS ASSN

My name is Tom Horn and I am the executive director of the National Pawnbrokers Association. There is a false impression that pawnshops are primary fencing outlets for stolen property. I share and understand the frustration with regard to the crime issue, but I must say the conclusions regarding the role and effect of pawnshop on crime are misguided and incorrect.

World Trade Center

2050 Stemmons Frankay - Suite 195

Let's look at some of the facts. First, the pawnshop industry in the State of Maryland and the County of Baltimore is regulated by the State Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Baltimore Police Department and is one of the most heavily regulated industries in the State. This regulation is often initiated and nearly always supported by the Maryland Pawnbrokers Association.

Every individual pawning merchandise in Baltimore County must provide a positive picture identification in order to get a pawn loan. In addition, all pawned merchandise is described in detail and a complete report is filed daily with the police department. It does not make sense that a professional thief would pawn merchandise and leave a trail resulting in their arrest. Wouldn't you think a thief would find it much more prudent to "fence" stolen items to professional fences, other criminals, buy-sell shops, flea markets or some other such non-regulated outlets?

Over 70% of all pawn loans state-wide are repaid by the borrower, and the pawn merchandise redeemed. This percentage often surprises most misinformed critics of the industry, since they assume the pawn customer is either destitute or dealing in stolen merchandise. Obviously, a thief is not motivated to repay a loan and redeem merchandise he has stolen. Statistics made available in many states through law enforcement agencies show that less than one-half of one percent of all items pawned prove to be stolen. I feel confident that the statistics in Baltimore County would prove to parallel this national norm. I am also sure the Baltimore County law enforcement will tell you that the local pawnshops are "part of the solution, not part of the problem."





